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REPORT

TOPIC Quartering Area of the 7th Gds Mech Div Including Army Troops of the FourthGds Mech Army and the 32d AAA Div

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REFERENCES

PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 20 August 1954, the Pionier Kaserne (4502) in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, motor transport, and signal insignia. On 18 August, reports of carbines were heard from the barracks area. No training was observed. On 20 August, firing with carbines and machine guns was under way at the large drill ground. 25X1
2. On 20 August, the barracks installation on Braunsdorfer Strasse (4501) in Fuerstenwalde was occupied by about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, signal, and motor transport insignia. No training was observed. 25X1
3. On 19 August, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, motor transport, and signal insignia. Thirty to 100 soldiers including some with signal insignia were repeatedly seen leaving the installation toward Westkreuz. An undetermined number of soldiers repeatedly drilled on 4 x 85-mm AA guns. 25X1
4. Between 21 and 31 July, two Soviet documents, the first dated 18 July 1954 and mentioning [] and the second dated 5 July 1954 and mentioning [] and Senior Lieutenant Chigarev as commanding officers of a 4th unit, were seen in a wood patch at Westkreuz near Frankfurt/Oder. 2 25X1
5. On 24 July, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by approximately 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 21 July, about 25 soldiers entered the installation from the direction of Westkreuz. On 24 July, about 60 soldiers were seen drilling. 25X1
6. On 24 July, the Fuselow Kaserne (4441) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by approximately 350 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Ten 76.2-mm AT guns and 10 x 57-mm AT guns were stored in the yard. Fifty soldiers practiced aiming with 2 x 57-mm AT guns. 25X1
7. On 18 August, the Fuselow Kaserne in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by 400 to 500 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. In early August, an undetermined number of soldiers cleaned 2 x 37-mm AA guns.

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6 x 57-mm AT guns, and 4 x 120-mm mortars in front of a shed. Thirty-five to 40 soldiers from the installation were detached for guard duty at the railroad bridge across the Oder River. Between 16 and 18 August, 80 to 100 soldiers engaged in drill and training in small-arms firing. On 18 August, approximately 90 soldiers left toward Birnbaummuehle (mill) for firing practices.

8. On 24 July, the Eichhorn Kaserne (4446) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by approximately 120 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 23 July, 50 soldiers entered the installation from the direction of Markendorf. No training was observed.

9. On 24 July, the Hindenburg Kaserne (4443) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No training was observed.

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10. On 24 July, the Horn Kaserne (4445) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 80 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. There was no training.

11. On 24 July, the Ziethen Kaserne (4444?) in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 70 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 19 August, eight tanks which were to be serviced were seen in the yard. No training was observed.

12. On 17 August, the cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse (4161) in East Berlin was occupied. A total of 400 soldiers was lined up in front of four cantonment buildings. A total of 10 tanks were seen in two sheds.

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13. On 28 July, the cantonment south of the Karlshorst racecourse was occupied by approximately 2,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and, a few who wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. Twenty soldiers constructed field fortifications in the training area. An undetermined number of soldiers received instruction on 3 x 76.2-mm field guns and engaged in close combat practice on 24 and 28 July respectively. Approximately 30 tanks were in the vehicle sheds on Treskow Allee.

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14. On 27 July, the Artillery Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin was occupied by approximately 300 soldiers. Little training in marksmanship and physical training were observed. Construction work in the installation, which was estimated to cost 300,000 DM, included the reconstruction of a stable into a vehicle shed and the erection of wooden buildings for officers' families and a club.

15. On 18 August, the Artillerie Kaserne (4601) in Kuestrin was occupied by approximately 1,000 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with artillery insignia. About 26 x 37-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks area. Six of the guns were located in the western training area. An undetermined number of soldiers daily received instruction on these guns. No 85-mm AA guns were seen. The two gun sheds in the southeast training area were vacant. Approximately 50 motor vehicles were seen at the motor vehicle parking lot in the southwest section of the installation.

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16. In late July, command posts with measuring and observation devices were being erected on the island in the Oder River near Kuestrin. Six buildings for dependents were to be constructed on the island.

17. Comment. Observations at the Fuerstenwalde and Frankfurt/Oder posts indicate that the bulk of the units of the 7th Gds Mech Div was stationed at the Lieberose troop training grounds until the second half of August.

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3. [redacted] [redacted] Two shipments of light units of the 32d AAA Div from Alten-
graben and the medium regiment of the units of the division stationed in
Eisenstein returned to the post on 13 and 18 August respectively. The latter
regiment had transferred to Wustrow on two trains on 10 June. [redacted]

[redacted] The fact that the bulk of the units of
the division were back at the post on 18 August accounts for the difference
between the strength figures in late July and mid-August.

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